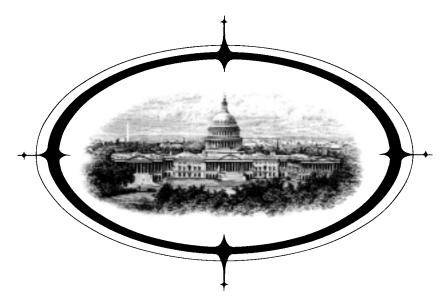
43rd Annual



United States Senate Youth Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. February 26 — March 5, 2005

104 STUDENTS WILL EACH RECEIVE: One week in our nation's Capital A \$5,000 college scholarship All expenses paid

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The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 2004-2005.

INTRODUCTION

In 1962, the United States Senate voted unanimously to endorse a nationwide youth program that would bring high school students to Washington, D.C., for a brief on-site introduction to the functions of the federal government and, in particular, the United States Senate.

The program was created and originally authorized by Senate Resolution 324 (see back cover) and continued in succeeding years by unanimous action of the Senate.

The resolution specified that the program should be "supported by private funds with no expense to the federal government". The William Randolph Hearst Foundation made available the necessary funds and, each year, two high school juniors or seniors from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia have participated in this unique experience.

In early 1981, the U.S. Senate amended Resolution 324 to provide for the participation of the Department of Defense Education Activity in the United States Senate Youth Program (see back cover).

THE PROGRAM I

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) will be held in Washington, D.C., from February 26 — March 5, 2005.

The 104 student delegates will be immersed in Washington activities throughout their week's stay. Visits to the Senate, House of Representatives, the Supreme Court and the Pentagon are interspersed with visits to various Smithsonian museums. Delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials of the Departments of State and Defense and others.

The foundation will pay all expenses for the Washington Week, including transportation, hotel and meals. (See number 3 under Rules regarding DoD Education Activity.)

A registered nurse will be available to delegates at all times and a physician will be on immediate call throughout the week.

The military services will provide specially selected men and women officers to serve as escorts for the student delegates while in Washington.

For additional information, please visit the United States Senate Youth Program website www.ussenateyouth.org. Applications may be obtained through the State-level Selection Administrators (by state on website "Selection Contacts"). Deadline dates vary at state-level depending on the selection process.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Two students from each state and the District of Columbia, and a first and second alternate from each state and the District of Columbia, will be selected by the office of the chief state or district school officer. A program examination — prepared each year by a distinguished professor of political science — will be provided for the selection process.

The office of the Department of Defense Education Activity, Washington, D.C., will be responsible for the selection and confirmation of their delegates and alternates.

Military dependents who reside and attend schools in the United States may apply for the program under the PERMANENT RESIDENT ruling as shown below.

Alternate delegates will be selected as replacements in the event a primary delegate is for any reason unable to participate in the program's Washington Week.

The foundation will provide \$1,000 to each state-level department of education to assist with the selection expenses for the program.

Selection will be based solely on the outstanding ability and demonstrated qualities of leadership as elected or selected high school student officers of the 2004–2005 school year. A student, who graduates high school at the close of the fall 2004 semester/quarter, is not eligible to apply for the program.

- 1. Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to the program, and is currently serving in an elected or selected capacity in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations:
- a. Student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer
- b. Class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer
- c. Student council representative
- d. Student representative elected or selected (selected by a panel, commission or board) to district, regional or state-level civic or educational organization.
- 2. Each student must be a PERMANENT RESIDENT of the United States and currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school located in the state (including for these purposes the District of Columbia) in which either one of his or her parents or guardians legally resides. A student attending a school which is located in a state other than the state of legal residence of either one of such student's parents or guardians is not eligible.

Exceptions to the permanent residency requirement will only be made in the following cases:

- a. Students from Department of Defense Education Activity will represent the state(s) of which the parents/guardians are U.S. legal voting residents.
- b. Interstate Compacts (by consent of the U.S. Congress) presently exist between New Hampshire–Maine and New Hampshire–Vermont, authorizing school districts to legally traverse state borders. Students in these schools are eligible to make an application for this program only through the states where the schools are located.

RULES I

- 1. At state level, contacts for information regarding application and selection deadline dates vary depending on the selection process and the number of high schools. Contacts may be made through the high school principals, by visiting www.ussenateyouth.org or by writing the foundation at the address shown in this brochure.
- 2. The chief school officer from each state, the District of Columbia and Department of Defense Education Activity must submit in writing to the foundation by December 1, 2004, the names of their two delegates and alternates. After the confirmation of the delegates and alternates is received by the foundation, the foundation will forward to the delegate a statement of participation to be signed by his or her parents or legal guardians, a copy of the rules and scholarship regulations and other pertinent information relating to the delegate's stay in Washington.
- 3. The foundation will arrange transportation to and from Washington, D.C. It will be the responsibility of the local school district, local secondary school, parents and/or legal guardians to transport (at their expense) each delegate to and from the nearest commercial airport, bus terminal or railroad station.

The Department of Defense Education Activity will provide round-trip transportation for their two delegates from their homes to Washington, D.C.

4. No tours or side trips will be permitted by individual delegates while traveling to or from Washington, D.C., or while in Washington, D.C.

This policy also includes any program, conference or event of another organization, which is conducted in Washington, D.C. or the surrounding area during the time frame of the USSYP Washington Week.

The following dates and time frames are strictly observed for Washington Week arrivals and departures of student delegates (pending weather conditions, availability of non-stop flights and jet service) to and from The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. — Eastern Time: arrival on Saturday, February 26 between 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. and departure on Saturday, March 5 between 5:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Exceptions may be made for the students from the Department of Defense Education Activity, Hawaii and Alaska. USSYP will only provide round trip transportation from a delegate's home location to Washington, D.C. Full adherence by all students to the official USSYP Travel Policy is required.

- 5. No recognition or arrangements for individual religious services will be made during Washington Week. A group interfaith inspirational service will be held on Sunday at The Mayflower Hotel for students who wish to attend. This policy will be strictly observed from the time the student delegates arrive at the Washington area airports and/or The Mayflower Hotel until return to their home sites.
- 6. Each delegate will be the guest of the United States Senate throughout the program and will be required to conduct himself or herself in such a manner as to assure that neither the United States Senate nor the United States Senate Youth Program will be discredited as a result of the conduct of such delegate.
- 7. Rules related to the United States Senate Youth Program and scholarship awards shall be construed, interpreted and applied by the foundation, whose action and determination shall be final and binding.

SCHOLARSHIP

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation believes it is in the public interest to encourage these outstanding young people to continue their educational development. To this end, the foundation will make available to each of the 104 delegates selected to participate in the program a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) scholarship award, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in the adjoining rules. Additional information concerning the scholarships will be given to the delegates on their arrival in Washington.

Certificates representing a \$5,000 scholarship award will be presented to delegates during their visit to Washington — often personally by their senators. If the primary delegate is unable to attend the Washington Week, the foundation must be notified in advance. Appropriate disposition of scholarship funds will be determined by the program director.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES

These rules will govern the award of the \$5,000 United States Senate Youth Program Scholarships:

- a. To qualify, a student must participate in the United States Senate Youth Program during his or her Washington Week. If a selected student is unable to participate, merits of his or her reasons will be considered by the program director relative to scholarship awards.
- b. To obtain scholarship funds a student must, within two years after high school graduation, enroll at an accredited United States college or university, pledging to include courses in government or related subjects to his or her undergraduate program.
- c. Eligible students must complete the United States Senate Youth Program Application for Grant of Scholarship form, have it signed by the dean of admissions or registrar, affixed with the college or university's official seal, and forwarded to the foundation.
- d. The \$5,000 scholarship check, when received by the school, is to be designated for the specified student's educational expenses within a four-year period. Funds may be expended for tuition, enrollment and other fees and charges, or room and board provided or approved by the school. Funds not used by the designated student are to revert to the general scholarship fund for utilization at the school's discretion.
- e. Extensions for the above time limitations may be considered only in exceptional circumstances. To seek extension of the two-year enrollment requirement, a student must provide the foundation with a reason for the delay by October 15 of the year he or she would otherwise have been required to enroll. In seeking to prolong the four-year scholarship period, a student must promptly notify the foundation of the reason for interruption of his or her education. Determination of the merits of his or her reasons for extension beyond the four-year scholarship period will be the responsibility of the program director.
- f. A student will automatically forfeit eligibility for a scholarship award by failure to fulfill the above rules, or in the event of misconduct as a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program.

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UNITED STATES SENATE → RESOLUTION 324 →

In 1962, Senate Resolution 324, submitted by Senator KUCHEL (for himself and Senators MANSFIELD, DIRKSEN, and HUMPHREY), was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, and, subsequently, unanimously approved by the United States Senate as follows:

Whereas the continued vitality of our Republic depends, in part, on the intelligent understanding of our political processes and the functions of our National Government by the citizens of the United States; and

Whereas the durability of a constitutional democracy is dependent upon alert, talented, vigorous competition for political leadership; and

Whereas individual Senators have cooperated with various private and university undergraduate and graduate fellowship and internship programs relating to the work of Congress; and

Whereas in the high schools of the United States, there exists among students who have been elected to student body offices in their junior or senior year a potential reservoir of young citizens who are experiencing their first responsibilities of service to a constituency and who should be encouraged to deepen their interest in and understanding of their country's political processes: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate hereby expresses its willingness to cooperate in a nationwide competitive high school Senate youth program which would give several representative high school students from each State a short indoctrination into the operation of the United States Senate and the Federal Government generally, if such a program can be satisfactorily arranged and completely supported by private funds with no expense to the Federal Government.

RESOLUTION 146. To amend S. Res. 324 of the Eighty-seventh Congress to provide for the participation of the Department of Defense education system for dependents in overseas areas in the Senate Youth Program.

Resolved, That S. Res. 324, Eighty-seventh Congress, agreed to May 17, 1963, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Section 3. For the purpose of this resolution, the term "State" includes the Department of Defense education system for dependents in overseas areas.